

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 1 and 8 are amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claims 1 and 8 are amended to address the Office Action's assertion of unclear claim language. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-14 satisfy the requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and the scope of the claimed invention is clear. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

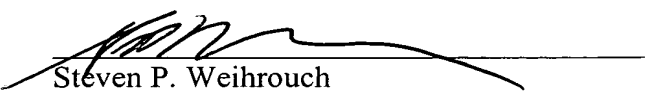
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